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Lucy Parker

Henry Parker

St. Gellert

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New Bedford. August 1. 1836.

Dear Maria,

I designed to write you a good long letter, and if I had had the time to have done it, it would have been an amusing letter for I had several things to say out of which I could have concocted something that should have made you laugh, but it will take up too much time. I will therefore only come to matters of fact. Debora is still with me & we're & enjoying herself highly. As for my own state it is not quite as good as it was a week since, for the weather has been more unfavorable, I am convinced it is the climate and nothing else; I can tell the state of the weather before I am up by the state of my lungs. Then too at the party in the grove which we were bidden last week, I increased my cold, as I had expected to do. But it was something that I must do. It would have been thought one of the merriest things in the world had I refused going, so I went & got through it more comfortably than could reasonably have been expected. The day was quite fine, we had a beautiful collection, cakes of all description, tongues &c and between 3 & 400 people were present. I had to talk & help & make myself agreeable, & Ben Hod-
mon who was present, confessed that in any new company he hardly knew me. Mr. H. by the way came home from the scene of action in his chair, don't you see over N. B. shewed me all over his form & was very civil to & at the party. We almost had the honor of Gov Everett's presence at the party had it taken place the day before he would have been present, as Mr. B. invited ^{him} & all N. B. was anxious he should come. But as the weather obliged us to put it off the Gov was obliged to go to Nantucket & the glory was denied us. A meeting was held one evening last week at Mr. Anger's church concerning the Bunker Hill monument

and there "his little exorcency" (shew this to Warren) addressed the good people. Oh my dear George Thompson it was very little to any body who had heard you. I am like the woman in the Spirit's Return "and I have seen celestial fountains burst." Still what he said was fine & his manner imperious. His moral sense is obtuse is the difficulty. Yesterday at a part of a meeting was held at Mr Holmes' church to hear Burritt Washington tell his story. He came to the Abolitionist a few days previous and was kindly received. Brother Charles behaved like a man & a brother. He told the Prelin movers in a manner that was good in the extreme; bold & decided; the man then told his story. Many tears were shed & then a collection taken up of 102 dollars & I say Wash't that pretty well. Several times Brother Charles seized the chance to pour in the truth as many worldlings, colonisationists &c were present and I trust it will make the petitioning for the Disb'nt easier. After the meeting was over Brother Charles & I met in a abolition fashion, and I told him I was going to his meeting for I felt so full of old times, merely having the sniff of a meeting that I was so uplift I could not bear the oppres who was presiding for Mr Holmes. Mr C took me to his house first & then to his church and he behaved sweetly all the way. He talked the most genuine doctrine. He goes to Fall river to day to the meeting there. The abolition party here have sent 15 delegates, 3 of whom are coloured. The Thacker girl is here in town and is known as "Mrs Chapman's protege". Nothing can happen but you continue to get the credit I shall go to R'v Weymouth on the 13th. I will probably be in Boston before but she will see you. Mr Bent will most probably call at your house in the course of the week. Treat him well on the principle of having your conversation honest among the Gentiles. Best love to Henry & poor dear Lucy; as far the youngins bear I have

nothing to say. Remember me to Mary & Anna. I should
have written to Anna last night only I was very enter-
tained Mr Watson of Trinity Church. I shall say nothing
more only I was very anxious to make him think Abolition
feel. Ever thine Anna.

Mr Charles told me that George was preaching, yes Mr Tracy,
preaching for a friend of his. Dear Maria

Dear Miss

My principal reason
for writing is to change thee if Consline is out of
town, to be sure and send two dollars by Mr Bent
which money shall be safely returned to you in the
course of time & if Mr Bent does not let you know
of his return write by mail. I may not come home
in the stages but I like to be prepared. I went to
another meeting yesterday morning which to quote
Miss Ball's phrase was very "ludicrous". At noon we
heard Dr. M'N' Washington, but he did not tell his
story quite ~~as~~ ^{morningly} as in town, though his story
sounds ~~as~~ ^{the 5th time} of hearing. Brother Charles
testified ~~as~~ ^{mainly} he prayed and presided in the
afternoon ~~most~~ ^{most} powerfully. He is expecting a letter
from Thompson every day. As to Anne I think she
will never get better in this air. Mrs Doubleday told
me that strangers were much affected by it & that
it almost killed her, & her family. I had a very
pleasant time at the party in the woods, & should
have enjoyed it much had I not ~~had~~ been
worrying & taking care of Anne all the time. With
all my endeavours she took a little cold, but it did
not affect her near as much as the east wind directly
from the water. I long to get her home. I think I
shall be at home in the course of the week. All the
abolition brethren here are gone to confering over to Fall
river to day. I suppose George is holding forth at the top of
his lungs somewhere to-day. We had him last year. I have
you done anything in particular since I left town for the
I have her girl. She is here now carefully tended in Mr Bedford's
poor house. Mr Emerson came flying up to tell us of her arrival
saying, "I suppose you will be interested in hearing of her, you

sister's name was mentioned so much in the course of the
matter. We had a letter from Aunt Mary Saturday night. She
seems better & to be encouraged by what Dr. Bartlett said - and
has forbidden me from saying any thing about Mr. Watson.
Suffice it that we had a very amusing time.

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A. W. Weston
Aug 14th 1836.
Has Henry G. Chapman
of W. West Street.
Boston

Poiteness of Mr. Franklin.

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